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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Max Hinkle and I attend Tulane University.

I am write to you concerning the upcoming redistricting decisions to be made in Louisiana. As a graduate engineering student from Pennsylvania, I have seen most of my friends leave Tulane to find job opportunities elsewhere. I believe this state is capable of being an attractive location for new technology firms to call home, but it cannot be without major policy changes and infrastructure improvements. The people of this state deserve to be fairly represented as we all vote for the changes we want to see, and only under equitable representation will Louisiana improve in its ranking and become a beacon of hope for the future. Redistricting impacts every single person in Louisiana, and therefore all voices must be heard. I urge you to act with empathy and without partisanship when drawing new maps – the times are changing, yet Louisiana is still a stagnant follower in many areas – clearly, it is time for an improvement. Let the people speak. Let everyone be a part of the choice of which direction we take next.

Sincerely,

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